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Hurley to Retire in May

By SARAH SMITH
Staff Writer

After nearly 10 years at Mary Washington, Executive Vice President Rick Hurley announced on Oct. 29 that he will retire from the university this coming May.

"I feel like I work really hard and I wanted to save some of my younger years for exploring my opportunities and having fun," Hurley said.

Though the decision may have seemed sudden, Hurley had planned to retire last year but decided against it when the economy started to decline.

"It was difficult to be thinking all your life that you will retire at 62 and then you can't," Hurley said.

Now that the economy has begun to recover, he said retirement is a possibility again.

This year marks Hurley's 25th year as a chief financial official in Virginia. This milestone and the completion of both the university's Strategic and Master Plans will round out his career in higher education.

"I will feel that I've accomplished something," Hurley said of the Master Plan.

President Judy Hampe will be in charge of finding his replacement and will begin this process in the coming weeks.

"I've tried in vain to convince Mr. Hurley to stay at UMW," Hampe said. "He will be sorely missed as he handles a wide range of responsibilities."

Other members of the Mary Washington community echoed Hampe's sentiments.



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Executive Vice President Rick Hurley announced his retirement after nearly a decade at UMW.

Virginia Election Results

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, Republican Bob McDonnell beat Democrat R. Creigh Deeds for governor of Virginia. He won by 58.65 percent of the vote.

Republican Bill Bolling won for lieutenant governor. Republican Ken Cuccinelli won for attorney general.

UMW Will Install 33 Streetlights

By JESSICA BAREFOOT
Staff Writer

As part of UMW's ongoing efforts to improve campus security, bids opened this week on an array of improvements that were highlighted during last year's safety walk.

Specifically, efforts are currently being made to install new lighting and additional emergency phones in various locations around campus.

According to John Wiltenmuth, the associate vice president of facilities services, the project will install 33 new lighting fixtures and three new emergency telephones around campus.

Areas on campus to be impacted are Sunken Road, College Avenue and connecting streets.

According to Executive Vice President Rick Hurley, students should expect to see work on this project "begin in 30 to 45 days and take about four months to complete."

This new security measure, with a budget is set at \$250,000, currently holds its lowest bid at \$161,000 from Computer Cabling and Telephone Services, Inc. This low bid is only set to cover the construction portion of the project.

"The \$250,000 budget will be used for construction costs, design costs and various ancillary costs including charges from utility companies, landscape repairs, etc.," Wiltenmuth said.

Due to many of these new improvements being installed in locations a distance away from buildings on campus, much of the cost for this project will come from the cabling needed to implement telephone and power lines.

Although viewed overall as a positive change to campus, some students question the necessity of installing emergency telephones.

"They're spending money on some-

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President's Choice



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President Judy Hampe was one of the judges for the Dining Services pumpkin carving contest on Oct. 29. The first place winner was senior Emily Potosky.

Escort Service Use Lower on Weekends

By RYAN MARR
Staff Writer

Despite state-wide budget cuts, UMW officials have placed a prominent focus on improving the student escort service with increases in the program's budget.

According to Executive Vice President Rick Hurley and Paul Messinger, executive director of budget and financial analysis, recent measures to improve the service have included a \$20,000 purchase of several golf carts, a \$12,000 budget adjustment for student wages in the Escort Program and increased promotion of the service through student government and Residence Life.

"Last year's assault in the parking deck really increased attention to students that they are vulnerable," Hurley said. "It really brought home the fact that this could happen here."

The school created the Eagle Patrol two years ago to emphasize the presence of student employees in the Police Department. The Patrol currently provides an escort service on foot, by golf cart or in a public safety vehicle for students nightly from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

According to Susan Knick, assistant vice president for public safety and community services, the escort service only operates within the campus boundaries and does not transport students to

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Students Frustrated by Internet Malfunctions

By ANNE ELDER
Staff Writer

UMW students on both the Fredericksburg and Stafford campuses experienced difficulties connecting to the Apogee network Wednesday, Oct. 28.

The problems started around 2 p.m., and became more prominent by 8:45 p.m. The issues were finally resolved and the Internet was back up around 11 p.m.

Unfortunately for juniors, the network outage impacted those with 2 p.m. registration appointment times. "I couldn't sign on to Eaglelink for the first five to 10 minutes of the 2 o'clock registration, which might have been the reason that one of my classes was full by the time I registered," junior Jenny Curtis said.

However, students who had Internet problems were able to register at the Office of the Registrar in Lee Hall, according to Registrar Rita Dunston.

"Any student who called or emailed—we told them to come over to the registrar's office, [because] we were still online," Dunston said. "We were able to register some of those

students."

Dunston said there were less than five students who came to the Office of the Registrar needing help during the outage, which lasted between 30 to 45 minutes. She also said that registration seems to have improved since the school switched over to Apogee last semester.

Complete Wi-Fi coverage has been beneficial in many ways to students who used to rely on Ethernet cords. However, the Apogee network failed to work for some students again later that night.

"It was terrible," sophomore Caitlin Sheehan said. "I was unable to submit a homework assignment due on Blackboard because the internet wasn't working. Lately it hasn't been very dependable; I was expecting them to have the glitches fixed by now."

Apogee assures students that technical glitches can happen with any network system and that they try to make their glitches as infrequent as

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American Sign Language Club Asks Department to 'Talk to the Hand'

By SARAH SANDERS
Staff Writer

Talk to the Hand, the American Sign Language club, is taking strides to raise deaf awareness on campus by proposing that UMW add the language as a class.

"It's not about hearing loss, it's all about attitude," said senior David Dutton, president and founder of Talk to the Hand.

Dutton said his motive to start the club revolved around his desire to share his passion and knowledge of American Sign Language, or ASL.

The club provides tutorials at every meeting, allowing students to either learn ASL for the first time or further their skills in the language.

Our goal is to raise awareness on campus, and eventually reach out past the UMW community," Dutton said.

In addition to planning club events, Dutton has spent the past month working to prepare a proposal that be presented Monday, Nov. 2 to the modern foreign language department. The pro-

posal addressed his dream of adding ASL to the language curriculum.

"Even before I came to UMW, my mission was to get ASL taught," Dutton said.



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'I love you a lot' in American Sign Language.

Much research and planning was needed before Dutton was able to make his proposal, including speaking to other universities who offer ASL. According to Dutton, Gallaudet University, one of the premier universities for the deaf in the country, has been very helpful throughout the entire process, offering aid and advice about planning for an ASL program at UMW.

"The department was willing to listen and analyze all sides of the issues involved in making the proposal a reality," Dutton said of the Monday meeting. "The proposal successfully brought ASL to the forefront and got everyone thinking."

Realizing that such a proposal will take time to come into fruition due to recent university budget cuts, the plan to add ASL to the UMW curriculum has been broken down into smaller stages.

"The first real step is awareness of ASL at our campus, and we're well

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By JESSICA MASULLI
Staff Writer

Oct. 28- At 10:39 p.m. in the Jefferson Hall parking lot, an assault occurred. Police issued a trespass warning.

Oct. 28- At 11:35 p.m., a non-student was issued a trespassing warning for an incident involving pornography sale and possession.

Oct. 31- At 8:46 p.m., there was an apparent theft of one of the black bollards at the Bell Tower. This is still under investigation.

Oct. 31- At 10:53 p.m., a male UMW student was arrested for being drunk in public at the Woodward Campus Center.

Nov. 2- At 1:46 p.m., a Motorola cell phone was stolen from the women's locker room in Goolrick Hall.

Nov. 3- At midnight, a petit larceny occurred. A cash box with \$50 was stolen from Lee Hall.

This information was compiled with help from Executive Vice President Rick Hurley and Assistant Vice President for Public Safety and Community Service Susan Knick.

Special Clubs Help Alumni Travel Around the World

By AMBER GOLDWASSER
Staff Writer

For alumni that want a second chance at studying abroad, Mary Washington has two different programs to make their travel plans easier.

Both the President's Travel Club and the Alumni Travel Program organize educational trips through the university that are offered throughout the year.

The President's Travel Club trips are offered typically every 12 to 14 months, according to the CEO of the UMW Foundation Jeff Rountree.

"The President's Travel Club is not held very often as the president and the faculty who go to teach the adult students are busy people," Rountree said.

UMW professors come with groups when they can to give additional information relevant to the trip. These trips do have preferred booking, however, for members of the President's Council.

The members of the President's Council are those that "donate at least \$2,500 per year to the Fund for UMW."

"That said, any alumni or friend of UMW is welcome to go," Rountree said.

The Alumni Travel Program is the other option available for those interested in traveling through the university. This option is sponsored by the Alumni Association and is offered six to eight times a year.

The UMW website states that these

trips are arranged through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company and "are usually shared with other universities and colleges."

The costs are not standardized, but rather it depends on "the destination and the level of room or ship cabin, if applicable, a person might want to have," Rountree said.

Each traveler pays their way with their own money. The minimum cost

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—Jeff Rountree

usually starts around \$4,000 to \$5,000 a person. No money is given by the campus to help pay for expenses. Airfare is never included.

Alumni and friends of UMW are the most frequent users of these programs, according to Rountree. Students are welcome to come but the trips are normally during the school year.

The next trip with the Alumni

Travel Program is to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany from June 13 to June 21, 2010.

The next trip for the President's Travel Club is in January to Egypt and Jordan. This trip will run from Jan. 27 to Feb. 9.

This trip "includes visits to some of the great wonders of the world, a four-night cruise along the Nile River, and private flights between all destinations in both Egypt and Jordan," according to the UMW website.

These trips are educational, according to Rountree.

Going along on this trip to Egypt and Jordan will be Ranjit Singh, assistant professor of Political Science and International Affairs.

"Professor Singh has lived and studied in the Middle East and will be giving some very interesting lectures on Middle Eastern politics and culture," Rountree said.

Trips are chosen when a professor has a strong tie to a region and wants to teach a group, according to Rountree.

Carter Hudgins, professor of History and American Studies, was the faculty participant in the first President's Travel Club.

"The trip took a group of alumni and friends of the university to France where we traced the paths of Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and other American envoys who sought, secured and strengthened the new American

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Emergency Phone Installations May Increase Security

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thing unnecessary," senior David Reichert said.

He feels that with the blue light system already implemented around campus, there is no need for further emergency contact devices.

However, Reichert does approve of the efforts to improve lighting in dimly lit areas.

"I never had a problem specifically, but I know a lot of people did," Reichert said, who also acknowledged the fear that many students feel when walking on Sunken Road at night.

Hannah von Oeyen, a junior, is also particularly supportive of the Sunken Road lighting efforts. She says that she and her friends have often been hesitant to walk back down Sunken Road from the Battlegrounds parking lot at night.

"We've never felt safe, especially when we have to walk by ourselves.

The lights being there will help us feel like we're more on campus instead of some strange neighborhood," von Oeyen said.

These new attempts to boost security come as a result of much outcry from students, faculty, and staff that the campus is not as safe as it should be. Through outlets such as the Student Government Forum held at the start of the semester, students were given opportunities to express their concerns about security issues that they felt needed to be addressed on campus and to direct their ideas to student leaders.

These efforts have brought forth new actions to promote improved safety measures, including the latest safety walk and increases in security guards and unmarked police cars around campus, as well as the most recent implementation of new lighting and emergency telephones.

Hearing Impaired Student Proposes Course in Signing

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along into this first step," said Dan Hubbard, associate professor of business administration and faculty advisor for the club.

The second step in the plan, Hubbard said, would be UMW's acceptance of academic credits for ASL students from other universities and high schools.

"I have had several students in the past who would have met the language requirements had UMW accepted ASL," Hubbard said.

The final step would be for UMW to hire faculty to teach ASL, not only allowing students to use it to meet their

general education requirements but also helping to spread diversity awareness throughout campus.

"We're all encouraged by President Hamble's encouragement of diversity inclusion," said Chris Foss, associate professor of English and faculty advisor for Dutton's proposal. "Adding ASL would be a good statement for the university."

One of the club's many upcoming events includes a deaf movie night, which will take place on Nov. 12. All students are invited to come and watch a movie that will relate to an important aspect in the deaf community. The club is also planning to visit Gallaudet University this spring.



Courtesy of umw.edu

Senior David Dutton, president of the American Sign Language club 'Talk to the Hand', has proposed that ASL be added to the foreign language curriculum as a class option.

Rick Hurley Announces Retirement After 10 Years

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"With his retirement, we are losing a great deal of institutional knowledge about Mary Washington, its faculty and students," Historic Preservation Department Chair Douglas Sanford said.

Jeff Rountree, CEO of the UMW Foundation, said, "[Hurley] has always had a good, open mind and a willingness to take on difficult challenges while never losing sight of the institution's priorities."

Hurley does not have specific plans for his retirement, but he would like to get involved with work outside of higher education so he can have more time to be with his family and pursue other interests.

"I like doing project management work. I like getting things done...I don't think I can do nothing," he said.

"Of course, administrators, like faculty, need to move on when they feel the time is right, and I hope that Rick enjoys his retirement," English, Linguistics and Communication Depart-

ment Chair Teresa Kennedy said.

During his decade at Mary Washington Hurley served as the university's financial officer. He was also prominently involved with public safety, human resources, business operations and a number of school-wide projects, according to a statement from Hamble.

Prior to UMW, Hurley worked at Longwood University as vice president for administration and finance from 1985 through 2000.

Hurley believes that his most important contribution to UMW was to increase the university's reserves from \$900,000 in 2000 to several million dollars today.

For him, some of the other highlights of his career have been his involvement in building projects, such as the indoor tennis complex, the fitness center, Lee Hall renovation and the campus parking deck.

"I really enjoy the process of thinking about a new building all the way through to opening it up," he said.

In addition to his accomplishments over the course of his career, Hurley has enjoyed the opportunity to interact with his co-workers at Mary Washington. He will miss not only the challenges of his job, but also the social aspect.

Sanford said that he had enjoyed working with Hurley and would miss having him as a colleague.

"I found him to be someone with whom you could have a serious but relaxed conversation about business or academic matters; and then easily have a conversation about mutual interests, family or current events," Sanford said.

He added, "We [the faculty] trusted Rick and felt that he respected us. I also know from conversations that he greatly cares about our students, takes pride in their accomplishments and enjoys seeing them in action here on campus and interacting with them."

Kennedy shared this sentiment. "I think that one can say that Rick is a beloved administrator, and will be deeply missed," Kennedy said.

Viewpoints

EaglePAY is Convenient, but High Fees Add Unnecessary Debt to Tuition Costs

Paying tuition online with credit cards through EaglePAY, UMW's online payment system, is convenient. With the click of the mouse, payment is immediately verified and visible on the computer screen.

There is no trip to the cashier's window in Lee Hall between classes or drives back to campus during the treasured breaks between semesters to shell out cash and checks. Completed transactions are instantly visible within the 17-inch screens of our PCs and Macs.

In order to comply with security standards, however, most universities have to partner with third party vendors to give students the option of paying with credit cards, which adds enrollment and convenience fees to already costly tuition costs.

Nelnet Business Services, UMW's tuition payment plan provider, charges a \$40, \$60 or \$90 enrollment fee per semester or year depending on the date of enrollment and type of payment schedule. For each transaction, students are also charged a 2.5 percent convenience fee, which is paid to the credit card company.

These additional fees are excessive to students who could just pay the cashier directly with cash or check without the added fees.

The idea of a quick and easy payment with credit cards is appealing, but the enrollment and convenience fees make many students think twice about using EaglePAY to charge their tuition.

The minimum wage that students are making mowing cash registers and waiting tables between classes isn't going as far in an economy of rising gas and retail prices. For most students, every dollar they make has its purpose in their budgets, and the extra enrollment and convenience fees drain their bank accounts even more.

At the same time, it is unfair to expect UMW to cover the costs of the convenience fees when it would mean spending over a million dollars a year in payments to credit card companies rather than having the funds go toward university projects.

The number of undergraduates taking advantage of this useful option to pay with plastic is increasing across the na-

tion. According to "How Undergraduate students use credit cards: Sallie Mae's national study of usage rates and trends, 2009," out of 1,200 students surveyed, 30 percent paid tuition with their credit card, an increase of 6 percent from the organization's 2004 study.

Yet only 17 percent of surveyed students said they regularly paid off their credit cards each month. 1 percent said their parents or family members footed the bill for them, leaving 82 percent of people with credit card balances incurring charges each month.

Nelnet is interest free, but if students can't immediately pay the credit company in full, the credit card company will likely charge high interest rates of its own, increasing student debt even more.

Still, students can potentially gain small rewards through their credit use from companies with spending reward programs. If these students or their families are able to pay tuition debts off in full, they could benefit from the online payment options. But

not all credit card companies even offer reward programs for tuition payments.

At UMW, students have the option of paying with American Express, Discover, or MasterCard. VISA, tucked inside the majority of wallets according to creditcard.com statistics, refuses to partner with vendors that charge consumers convenience fees, calling the practice "unfair" in a July USA Today article.

VISA's decision to answer for all of its consumers when making their policy affects many students who don't want numerous credit cards weighing down their wallets and prevents them from taking advantage of EaglePAY.

The enrollment charges and convenience fees are irritating, but that doesn't mean EaglePAY doesn't have its advantages. It's certainly convenient to simply log on to Eaglelink to make our payments online rather than finding time to stop by Lee Hall to hand over earnings. If students are willing to pay with credit cards, it's Nelnet and the credit card companies who need to reassess their role in adding to students' debts by charging additional fees.

Staff Editorial

“The enrollment and convenience fees drain [students'] bank accounts even more.”

Elections Are Important Even if Not Presidential

Gubernatorial election is not as exiting as Obama's presidential win, but voters should still vote.

For the first time in my four years of election eligibility, I voted for a candidate who didn't win. Naturally, I'm disappointed. But I have a feeling that even if Democrat Creigh Deeds had been elected over Republican Bob McDonnell in Virginia's governor's race on Tuesday, I would still feel disappointed.

Last November's general election was exhilarating for me, and not just because I voted for Barack Obama. Reporting for the *Free Lance-Star* as an intern, I witnessed first-hand the skyrocketing registration rates, below-the-belt campaign ads and tearful testimonies from first-time voters. The youth were mobilized; we finally spoke up. Whether or not you were politically satisfied with last year's outcome, there's no denying that it was historic. There's no denying it was exciting.

In their bids for Virginia's governor's seat, both parties' campaigns during the past few months were completely lackluster. Granted, gubernatorial elections never have the same poll numbers or general enthusiasm as presidential elections, but this year was an extreme.

I didn't vote for Creigh Deeds, I voted for the guy who wasn't Bob McDonnell. I voted for the guy who didn't write his dissertation about how working mothers and feminists are "detrimental" to families. I voted for the guy who didn't prohibit the UMW bookstore from selling

"Obama was there, I was there" T-shirts for the future president's visit to campus last year.

Deeds was bland. I know it's not fair to compare him to Obama, but I can't help it. While I can't find a lot of things to criticize about his campaign, I also can't find a lot of things to praise. I'm not sure what's worse.

So no one will ever top Obama. No election will live up to my first presidential one. But that doesn't mean I should stop caring. That doesn't mean I should vote on party lines just because I feel obligated to. That doesn't mean I should skim the local government stories in the *Washington Post* so I have time to finish the crossword. Sure, not every election is dramatic and inspiring, but every election is important.

As someone who wears a vintage "Bill Clinton for President" shirt without ironic intentions, I'm actually glad I don't live in a true-blue state. It's stimulating to be immersed in such a diverse and ever-changing political climate. A Republican governor with two Democratic senators and 11 almost-evenly divided congressmen should make for some fun headlines during the next few years.

The Bulletin staff is holding an election of our own next week for next semester's editor-in-chief. As the other editors

carefully ponder my replacement and stress about their own candidacies, I ask them to keep one thing in mind:

There's always next year.



Susannigans
By Susannah Clark,
Editor in Chief

“No election will live up to my first presidential one. But that doesn't mean I should stop caring.”

College's Priorities Should be Academic

BY PAUL TINDALL
Guest Columnist

Let's be clear: I'm no star student. I won't be the valedictorian of my class, and my main priority here at college is not necessarily always focused on education. I wouldn't be caught dead doing homework Friday night, and Sunday is for football.

That said, I do my best to succeed in my classes, which as a political science major, involve a significant amount of research papers for which I require numerous sources. In other words, I need a lot of books and on a wide variety of topics, ranging from the World Trade Organization to Jean-Jacques Rousseau to defense spending in the United States.

For the purposes of this article, I'm going to focus on the latest paper I've been working on: one on the political effects of the massive defense budget in the U.S. There is a huge body of literature concerning this topic.

For instance, a simple Amazon.com search for "defense spending" returns exactly 9,234 results at the time of writing. So why is it that an identical search through the records of Simpson Library returns a mere eight results?

You heard that correct — Amazon.com returns over nine thousand, and Simpson gives me a grand total of eight, most of which are Congressional records of no use to me when I'm searching for a scholarly opinion, of which there are many concerning this topic.

I understand that we are the University of Mary Washington. We're no U.Va. or William & Mary when it comes to budgetary concerns, and we naturally don't get as much money as they do since our profile is smaller. However, we are still a university, a bastion of learning, a bulwark in the fight against ignorance.

If budgetary concerns get in the way of provid-

ing the students of this institution a proper education, then perhaps we should shut our doors, close up shop and direct prospective students to the better-funded libraries at the better-funded colleges in Virginia. Tell them sorry, but somewhere, our priorities became not those of a university. Somewhere we lost sight of the ultimate aim of this venture. We are here not to serve the students of this commonwealth but to save the state the cost of a book.

I can't imagine anyone at this school saying such things, but even so, it seems to be implicit in their actions. I'm sure there are many people on whom blame can be placed, many levels of bureaucracy which go into determining whether or not a particular scholarly work is stocked on the shelves of Simpson. These reasons are nothing more than excuses — efforts by some to rationalize their

responsibility, to pass off the deprivation of our education onto another.

While it may be difficult to the extreme to budget more money for an increased selection of books at Simpson Library, that's not the point.

The point is, it shouldn't be difficult, and the victims aren't the bureaucrats making the decisions, they are the students living with them. Perhaps I'm overreacting. So I couldn't find a book about defense spending in the library. The point is, this example is endemic of a larger system of prioritization which doesn't favor education first.

College is about more than education for sure, but when I need college to be about education, it needs to be there for me. And as I see it, UMW has failed on at least one count.

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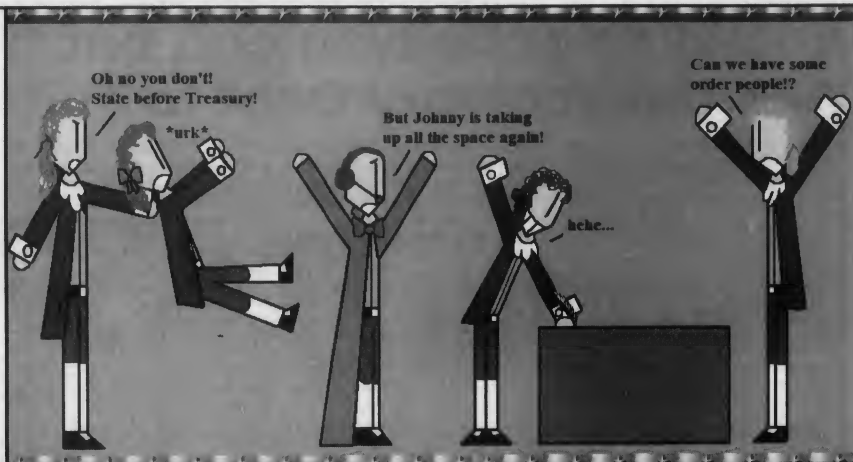
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Baking from Scratch Asserts Independence

BY SARAH KELLY
Staff Writer

Sometimes, you just need to bake a cake. There need be no birthday party or other such celebratory function for such a decadent dessert to make its appearance.

I have included a recipe for a double chocolate fudge cake, my own spin on the classic devil's food cake we have all come to adore. A chocolate cake from scratch is not simply a dessert but in a sense a representation of your individuality and sovereignty. A homemade layer cake is the ultimate representation of domestic chivalry.

As college students, we are searching to assert our own independence as free-thinking citizens. We are aware of the little boxes our society attempts to place us into, and we wittingly defy them. We claim autonomy through the music that we listen to, the books that we read, and the art we produce.

There is no better way to assert oneself as an individual, and a consummate baker, than to produce a cake from scratch, unaided by boxed mixes and frosting that emerges from a can. It really is worth the extra little bit of work you put in to claim this cake as your own creation. It may turn out a bit lopsided and your frosting may not lie at 90 degree angles, but this imperfection is all part of its charm. Does anyone really want to live in a cookie-cutter world?

Making a cake yourself or with friends is also a splendid way to strengthen your bonds of kinship and have tremendous fun. While I have touted the many rewards that baking a cake can offer, I

have neglected to mention what is, in my view, the most important: A slice of heavenly fudge cake has the innate ability to satisfy even the sweetest tooth. Simply the sight of it thickly frosted and resting on your countertop is enough make anyone giddy with excitement.

This recipe is my own adaptation of the Devil's food cake published in Martha Stewart's Baking Handbook. This cake is rich without being overpowering or bitter as many store-bought cakes can be. The recipe is slightly time-consuming; however, I guarantee that any effort will be cancelled out upon your first bite. What really sets this cake apart is its sweet milk chocolate frosting, and the accompaniment of a second layer of glistening chocolate ganache that will astound any who sets eyes upon it.

For the cake:

1 ½ cups unsalted butter
¾ cup cocoa powder
¾ cup sour cream
¾ cup water
3 cups cake flour
2 ¼ cups sugar
4 eggs

For the frosting:

6 ½ ounces milk chocolate
¼ cup unsalted butter
¼ cup milk
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 cups powdered sugar



Sarah Kelly/Bullet

Baking a cake from scratch demonstrates independence from boxed mixes and also results in a delicious cake.

For the ganache:

8 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips
½ cup heavy cream

Set oven to 350 degrees. In a bowl, first combine the dry ingredients, then add in the eggs, water and sour cream, mixing with a spoon until smooth. Pour the mixture into two nine inch cake pans sprayed with non-stick spray. Bake for approximately 20-25 minutes. The cake is done when a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Once finished, leave on a wire rack to cool.

For the milk chocolate frosting, first melt the chocolate in the microwave for 1-2 minutes. Combine the room temperature butter, vanilla and milk until smooth.

Next, slowly add in the powdered sugar while

mixing until you have a creamy frosting with no lumps. It is easier to use an electric mixer here, but if you don't have one on hand, I have found that if you have a friend mix quickly while you add the powdered sugar, an equally good result can be achieved.

When the cake is thoroughly cooled, run a knife along the edges and place the first layer on a serving dish. Frost this bottom layer and place the next layer of cake on top. Next, frost the top of the cake with the remaining frosting.

The final step is to make the ganache. Melt the chocolate chips in the microwave, then add in the heavy cream, mixing until smooth. Spread the frosting over the top, or alternatively drizzle over the top and sides.

I hope this enchanting chocolate cake inspires you to rebuff conformist notions and exert a sense of self sufficiency. Happy baking to all.

The Bullet is looking for a regular columnist for the Spring Semester (and beyond).

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Entertainment

Low-Budget Mockumentary Confronts 'Paranormal Activity'

By DAVID TINDELL
Staff Writer

With the Halloween season so close, Orin Peli probably made the best \$11,000 investment possible. However, if nothing else, "Paranormal Activity" proves that a truly scary horror film must be more expensive than \$11,000.

Review

"Paranormal" is a mockumentary horror film written and directed by Peli. The picture was first introduced at the Screamefest Film Festival in the United States on Oct. 14, 2007 and has since received wide acclaim since hitting theatres nationwide Oct. 16, 2009.

Before reviewing the film itself, I must honor the fact that Peli made remarkable use of his resources. Beyond the limitations of a shoe-string budget, the film was made with no cinematographer, no locations to film (other than a house), and the filming had to be finished in seven days. Honestly, the feat itself is the most paranormal part of the film.

This leads to the conclusion that "Paranormal Activity" is perhaps one of the most dormant horror films released on a national platform. The movie documents a prosaic haunted house plot, starring Micah Sloat and Katie Featherston as an "engaged to be engaged" couple who want to le-



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gitimize their recent fears. The story begins with no introduction, and proceeds with no narrative (except for Micah's camera work).

The audience becomes the camera as Micah, the sarcastic, technology-obsessed, day-trading boyfriend, fearlessly video-tapes whatever he can to unmask the demon in their suburban corner of San Diego, Calif. Most of the film is in-

vested in Katie Featherston, the lovably-terrified girlfriend who seems to have a demon very interested in her.

The film felt like "The Blair Witch Project" but with more personality. As the camera captured the couple throughout their day to day actions, the film offered a remarkably realistic portrayal of a couple running for their lives.

Most of the action takes place in the bedroom, where Micah mounts a camera to keep watch. Analogous to the movie's problem, the couple never runs out of the house. Perhaps due to the low budget, "Paranormal Activity" does not go the distance with either supernatural happenings or terror.

The movie offers a lot of paranormal suspense, but does not justify with enough activity. Expect of a lot of "Did you hear that?" noises and "What was that?" movements to no avail until the very end. The horror of the film relies on the audience believing in the couples' reactions; however, the couple never leaves the house and hardly makes an effort to seek help. They haphazardly wait days for a "demonologist" to arrive, while the demon makes them more and more aware of his anger.

"Paranormal Activity"

Rating: R
Release date: 10/16
Runtime: 86 mins



A major success of the film relies on the character development. Both Micah and Katie were fantastic portrayals of suburban people being terrified by a demon. Katie's reactions and screams were terrifically believable, and, contrasted with Micah's disbelief and "This is my house and nobody will f--- with my girlfriend" attitude, their relationship created an enjoyably dynamic.

Paying \$7.50 for a matinee ticket, I was a little put off by the sharp ending, which has been changed due to heavy editing for the national release. If you are interested in viewing the alternate ending (A LOT better than the theatrical), finding it online is possible but tricky due to Paramount Pictures Corporation's mission to keep it to themselves. I will not give either away, because waiting for the ending will keep you watching where the horror will not. In these trying economic times, I would wait to rent this movie, or just borrow it from a friend.

Comic Sean Seaton to Grace the Underground

By DREW CAMPBELL
Staff Writer

This Friday, Nov. 6, Giant Productions will be sponsoring the up-and-coming comedian Seaton Smith. Hailing from Washington D.C., Smith combines a fast-paced delivery with seemingly effortless observations of daily life in the city and his travels.

Seaton Smith has somewhat of a Dave Chappelle-esque stage presence with high energy lead-ins and punch lines that are sure to keep the audience in stitches. Smith's insight of urban life in D.C., combined with racial humor, add a sense of depth to his routine not commonly found in the acts of other comedians his age.

From his hilarious stories of working various jobs to his tales of being robbed in inner-city D.C., Seaton Smith brings a variety of fresh, lightening-quick punch lines and narratives to the table. A must see for any students of comedy or anyone just looking for a laugh. Come on by the Underground at 8 p.m. Friday night for what is sure to be a side-splitting performance.

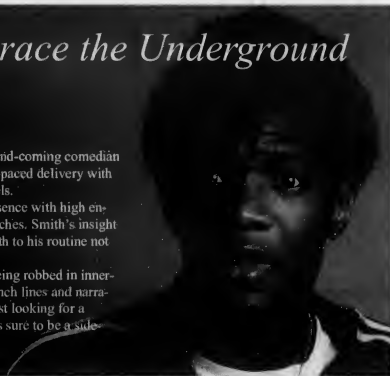


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Off The RECORD

Wolfmother channel a tighter, darker Zeppelin muse on their stellar sophomore album.

By BRYANT MATERA
Staff Writer

Wolfmother's sophomore effort, "Cosmic Egg," sees the Australian hard rock band return to true form following a four-year hiatus. After going

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through a lineup change that replaced two of the original members and added a fourth, the newly minted quartet is at the absolute top of their game on "Egg," which manages to surpass their self-titled, Grammy award-winning debut.

The album is pretty much what many have come to expect from Wolfmother: the epitome of musicianship. Intricate melodies back the still-fresh and classic Led Zeppelin-esque vocals, not to mention mind-blowing guitar fills and solos that would make Hendrix jealous, all of which practically beg for a standing air-guitar impersonation.

"Egg" seems considerably more focused and tighter both musically and lyrically than Wolfmother's already impressive 2005 original. Although brilliant in its own right, Wolfmother's debut was a bit too sprawling. Their lyrics were typical of the genre: instantly singable but usually nonsensical. It isn't too much different on

"Egg," and the band does retain its loose, spontaneous off-the-wall charm.

Musically, Wolfmother appears to be going in a bit of a darker direction. "Egg" simply feels

heavier, more solid and more robust than Wolfmother's previous effort. The group stays true to its habit of keeping song titles between one and three words (pretty rare in the post-Fall Out Boy age) and still name some songs after mythical creatures (the original album's "White Unicorn" is followed up here with "Phoenix").

The long awaited "Cosmic Egg" is an absolute must-have for fans of Wolfmother, as well as for those looking for something heavier, more professional and more drastic than a lot of what's out there right now. This is what Zeppelin would've sounded like had they made it to 2009. Do yourself a favor and pick this one up, but spring for the deluxe version if you can, which features a handful of extra songs.

If you're more into downloading, the standard iTunes version comes with two bonus tracks you won't get if you buy a physical copy: a cover of Jimi Hendrix's "If 6 Was 9" and an acoustic rendition of the title track. The deluxe iTunes version mysteriously drops the Hendrix cover but gives you the other extra songs and the acoustic version of "Cosmic Egg."



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"Cosmic Egg"

By: Wolfmother
Release date: 10/26



Harry Potter

image courtesy of scholastic.com

'Half-Blood Prince' Better in Book Form

By KATIE O'CONNOR
Staff Writer

It always amazes me when people think they know more about plot and story than award-winning novelists. Why take 20 minutes out of a film to put in a screenwriter's half-baked ideas when you have the actual novel right in front of you?

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"Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" was a best-seller for nearly a decade, and in my opinion, that makes it a trustworthy source of plot for the film based upon it. But then, maybe that's just me.

The film opens with an invented scene that does not appear in the book in which our hero Harry flirts with a young waitress in a Muggle diner. This begins director David Yates' trend of saturating author J.K. Rowling's tale with teen lust. Truthfully, Rowling's sixth novel is the most hormone-infused of the series, but Yates goes a bit too far. The Ron-Hermione-Harry-Ginny-Lavender pentagon is overplayed and culminates in a ridiculously sentimental heart-to-heart between Harry and Hermione.

However, one trend that happily continues is the improvement of Daniel Radcliffe's acting. Unfortunately when actors are cast based on the proximity of their appearance to a fictitious character, acting talent is often compromised. This decline of priority in talent sadly hindered the

first four films. But after his stint in "Equus" on Broadway, Radcliffe has massively improved, which is evident in "The Half-Blood Prince."

Jim Broadbent makes a fantastic addition to the growing cast of "Harry Potter" as Potions Professor Horace Slughorn. He adds a burst of energy equal to Imelda Staunton's performance as Dolores Umbridge in "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix."

Broadbent's first appearance in the film masquerading as a chair is truly brilliant, and he is responsible for most of the comic moments of the film.

The action of the film is a bit confusing in its sequence. A huge fire at the Weasley house is added (again, not in the book), but the great battle of Hogwarts that involves an exciting werewolf attack is left out, which I find baffling.

All in all, the film is enjoyable. "Potterites" such as myself have to learn that the films and books must be considered as entirely separate entities. The books are great, the movies are good, but, if considered together, they complement each other as badly as 12 Halloween shots and a stomach full of Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Beans.

'Harry Potter' Screenings:

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PRISM 'Prom' Night was a Success

The students of PRISM threw a prom: 'A Night To Remember' on Sat, Oct. 31 in Great Hall. The night was complete with decorations, prom court, and a turnout of 120.

By **CHRISTINA LAMBERT**
Staff Writer

The old memory of twinkling lights, elegant gowns and a spinning disco ball were not just a memory for some students this weekend but rather the past relived.

This past Saturday Oct. 31 PRISM hosted the "prom" in Great Hall from 8 to 11 pm. The event, which was open to all UMW students, fea-

effort and planning as the finale to the two-week "Who's in the Soup" theme hosted by PRISM.

"We started planning for prom at our first board meeting for PRISM which was over the summer, then offi-



star decorations with the color scheme purple, black, and gold.

It even had a theme; A Night to Remember. This event was planned entirely by PRISM and took a lot of



tured lavish decorations such as Christmas lights, disco balls, and

cially we starting at the beginning of this semester," said sophomore Becca Zoller, who was in charge of planning the prom along with fellow PRISM member, Junior Caroline Ebrill.

The idea was first a fleeting mention but then transformed into the event itself. Most people liked the idea of having a big dance and dressing up. The prom idea also provided an opportunity for students to have a better prom experience than they did in high school.

"Prom was sort of our big idea because we really wanted to provide an opportunity for members of the LGBTQIAAP to redo their prom experiences because many people's



Photos courtesy of Becca Zoller and Caroline Ebrill

(Above) The PRISM Prom 'A Night To Remember' prom court. (From left to right) Knights junior Caroline Ebrill and sophomore Becca Zoller, Regent freshman Jack Pando, Squire sophomore Charles Girard and Jester sophomore Taylor Roberts. These gender neutral titles were chosen instead of the traditional, "King, queen and princess."

proms were negatively affected by events surrounding their sexualities and gender identities," said Zoller.

The PRISM prom first started to be publicized by members of PRISM during the "Who's in the Soup" weeks, after numerous planning.

"We had been tabling outside the Nest for two and a half weeks selling tickets and giving information," said sophomore Nancy Belle, a PRISM member who attended the prom.

Despite the advance planning, there were still obstacles that surfaced during the planning process, such as no funding. The only solution was to take money out of PRISM's budget to fi-

nance the event. The money that was made by ticket sales, which cost \$2 each, will be saved for t-shirts during the annual Day of Silence in the spring, which is PRISM's next main event after from the upcoming Drag Show.

This was the first prom PRISM has hosted, and the turnout was 120 students. The success has prompted PRISM to consider hosting another prom.

"I had numerous people ask me if it was going to be an annual event as well as people who wanted to be more involved in planning it. I think that it went well and feedback was very posi-

tive," said Ebrill.

Some students didn't just enjoy the prom, but felt it was better than their high school prom, which was the goal of PRISM. Since the prom was so well received, PRISM is underway with hosting the prom again for next year.

"Although the planning of the event was stressful, post-prom we feel very positively about planning another one, a better one, for next year. We were so pleased with this year's turnout, seeing as it was our first attempt at a prom, and really hope to make it bigger and better next year," said Zoller.

Eggs Vendetta: 'Remember Remember the fifth of November'

Dorm Dining

With Beverly Scholnick

"Remember, remember, the fifth of November, the gunpowder treason and plot, I know of no reason why the gunpowder treason should ever be forgot." In honor of the United Kingdom holiday "Bonfire Night", this week's recipe is dedicated to "V For Vendetta," the hit movie and graphic novel that made the holiday famous in the United States. Just as V prepares this easy breakfast recipe for Eve, so too will you be able to prepare it for your friends.

Ingredients:

1 slice of bread
1 tbs butter
1 Tbs water
1 egg
Montreal Seasoning Mix
(Or black pepper, red pepper, salt, and garlic powder)

Average Price Per Serving: 50¢

Directions:

1. With half of the butter, butter both sides of the bread
2. Using a cup that is 3 1/4 inches in diameter (almost the height of a slice of bread) as a cookie cutter, cut out a large circle out of the center of the bread.
3. Melt 1/4 tbs butter in a frying pan on medium heat and place both pieces of the bread in the pan beside each other.
4. Fry the center piece of bread until golden brown, about 3 minutes. Flip. The center piece of bread will usually cook faster than the larger piece. When the reverse side is toasted, remove it from the pan. It is ready to serve.
5. Sprinkle seasoning into the hole in the larger piece of bread
6. Crack the egg into the hole and season if desired. Fry until the white of the egg is cooked almost entirely through, about 5 minutes. The egg and toast will cook together into one solid piece.
7. Add the remaining butter to the pan and flip the toast to cook the other side. Turn the heat to medium high and cook until the bread is toasted on both sides, about 3-5 minutes.
8. Plate and serve.



Photo courtesy of Beverly Scholnick

Try out V's toast and egg breakfast all in one.

News

Outside the Fence



By HEATHER BRADY
Staff Writer

Regional

The Rappahannock Area Health District received 3,200 doses of the H1N1 vaccine at 10 a.m. yesterday and expected to distribute much of it by yesterday night and today at clinics that were quickly arranged. Last night's clinic expected to start at 5 p.m. at Massaponax High School in Spotsylvania and Mountain View High School in Stafford. These were in addition to the already scheduled clinic yesterday at 5:30 p.m. at Lafayette Upper Elementary School in Fredericksburg, among other locations. The two high schools have received 1,300 doses of the vaccine, and the elementary school received 800 doses of the vaccine. (The Free Lance-Star, Nov. 4; www.fredericksburg.com)

National

The Army Corps of Engineers is launching a \$1 billion effort to protect New Orleans from upcoming storms, since the West Bank area has now reached its pre-Hurricane Katrina population and is ready to grow. The Corps broke ground last week on the West Closure Structure, a floodgate-and-pump system designed to close drainage canals that feed into the area and bolster the area's levees. After Katrina, New Orleans's population decreased by 300,000 people, but residents have quickly returned to the West Bank of the Mississippi River, many with the mistaken impression that the area was safer. However, the fact that it didn't flood after Katrina was purely by chance. Engineers say that the area's 250,000 residents are exposed to surge waters from an oncoming storm approaching at just the right angle because of existing navigation and the aforementioned drainage canals. (The Washington Post, Nov. 4; www.washingtonpost.com)

Global

An Italian court convicted 22 CIA operatives and a U.S. Air Force colonel on kidnapping charges yesterday. The move comes as a stern rebuke of the U.S. government's long-standing practice of covertly seizing terrorism suspects abroad without a warrant. These guilty verdicts are the only instance in which CIA operatives have faced a criminal trial for the tactic of extraordinary rendition, when terrorism suspects are abducted in one country and forcibly transported to another. These renditions began during the Clinton administration but became more frequent under orders from the Bush administration after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. The Obama administration said in August that it will continue the practice, but said they would take steps to ensure that CIA or foreign spy agents do not torture targets. (The Washington Post, Nov. 4; www.washingtonpost.com)

Apogee Says Internet Issues Are not Chronic

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possible.

"No system is immune to hardware failure, and our regular processes take this into account," Apogee Spokesperson Nat Nealeigh said. "Our standard practice is to provide back-up systems to ensure redundant network access, replace hardware regularly, engage in proactive monitoring of the network and provide 24/7 support to all students."

As soon as Apogee learned of the problems on campus, they began efforts to repair the network outage.

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"As soon as we were alerted to the issue, Apogee implemented backup

measures to restore access through redundant systems built into the network," Nealeigh said.

According to Apogee, these service interruptions are rare and should not affect students regularly.

On Sunday, Nov. 1, following the service interruption, Apogee stopped network service at 3 a.m. for maintenance, which ended at 7 a.m. The network should be up and running now for all students.

"There haven't been any chronic problems with network access," Nealeigh said. "Any students experiencing an issue with their network connection should contact our 24-hour support center and we'll work with them to troubleshoot any issues."

The toll-free hotline for Apogee is 1-877-478-8808. Students are encouraged to call and speak with a technician, who can help troubleshoot their problems.

President's Club To Tour in Egypt

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nation's relationship with France during the American Revolution," Hudgins said.

Hudgins assignment was to give a series of six lectures.

He is also a trained architectural historian and was able to provide informa-

tion on buildings and places that were visited.

Hudgins said that the travel club and trips offered are a great opportunity for participants.

"It was also a memorable way for [alumni] to renew their connections to each other and to alma mater, and a way to cultivate support for the university," Hudgins said.

Alcohol Policy Hinders Use of Escort Service

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and from other establishments.

"This is a safety escort service and not an alternate means of transportation," Knick said. "While we assist students who have temporary medical needs, the safety escort is meant to provide assistance when a student feels unsafe moving about campus."

The service will escort intoxicated students, but those students will be subject to charges of public drunkenness, according to Knick.

Since the sexual assault at the parking garage last October, the safety escort service has been growing differently than other universities with similar enrollment to UMW.

The police department at Christopher Newport University, which has provided a formalized escort service since 2001, also limits their service to the school's campus and subjects intoxicated students to charges of public drunkenness.

However, according to CNU Lieutenant Scott Austin, the service is strictly a walking program, and no money has yet been appropriated in the school's budget to improve the escort program. All of the CNU police department's employees conduct the escort service as part of their normal duties while on shift, Austin said.

Unlike UMW and CNU, Longwood University's student escort program is run entirely separate from the police department. A school-sponsored club of nine volunteers known as the "Nightwalkers" have been providing escorts for students since 1996. The escort service is limited to the campus

grounds, but the Nightwalkers will escort intoxicated students without penalty. According to Stacy McCoy, the club's secretary, intoxicated students make up the majority of the club's escorts on the weekends.

"We encourage intoxicated students to use the service for obvious safety reasons," McCoy said. "And, if they're with us, they're less likely to get in trouble with the police."

McCoy estimates that the Night-

“This is a safety escort service and not an alternate means of transportation.”

—Susan Knick

walkers, who work from dusk until midnight during the week and from dusk until 2 a.m. on the weekends, escort about five students per night on weekends and no more than one or two on the weekdays.

Hurley, who worked at Longwood for 15 years before joining the administration of UMW, said that UMW has no plans to institute a similar policy.

"A culture has developed [at Longwood] where [the students] begin to see the service as just a safe ride back to school," Hurley said.

CNU Police Lieutenant Austin reports that the number of escorts at

CNU decreases on the weekend.

Similarly, UMW's student-run Eagle Patrol, in cooperation with the police department, escorts more students during the week than on the weekend.

According to Torre Meringolo, vice president for advancement and university relations, the service, which now employs six students employees, escorts around five to eight students per weekday night and about one to two students per weekend night. On hours when Eagle Patrol is off-duty, or before 6 p.m., about five to eight students are typically escorted each day by university police, usually for handicap reasons.

Student reaction to the newly-improved service at UMW has been mostly positive.

Junior Ali Coleman has used the service four or five times, particularly after the sexual assault last October. Coleman had an off-campus waitressing job and would call for an escort to her dorm in Westmoreland from the parking garage when she returned around 1 a.m.

"The longest I've ever had to wait was 10 or 15 minutes," Coleman said of her most recent experience last semester. "The drivers are always really friendly too."

Just two weekends ago, senior Madelyn Crowell and junior Andrew Kada requested the service from the parking garage.

"It took about 30 minutes for the police to show up, but they were incredibly nice and friendly when they arrived," Crowell said.

At press time, Knick was unable to comment on specific incidents.



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UMW alumni pose for a photo at the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa. They traveled to South Africa with the President's Travel Club.

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Sports



Fantasy Football Corner

By **ZACH MORETTI**
Sports Editor

Start Em:

QB- **Matt Hasselbeck (Seahawks):**

The last time I advised readers to start Hasselbeck, he posted this fantasy beauty: 10-29 for 112 passing yards, 1 INT, 1 fumble, 0 TDs. Ummm...sorry. But that bad day was more due to the injuries of Hasselbeck's offensive line as he had no time to throw. Now his offensive line is still shaky, but he gets to face the Detroit Lions this week and they don't exactly have a premiere pass rush. Detroit also ranks 27th in the NFL in pass defense and they have allowed the second most passing TDs to opposing

hook up on a couple of deep balls from QB Jason Campbell. Moss may not be that valuable the rest of the season, but he has a chance to be great this week.

WR- **Greg Jennings (Packers):** Jennings fantasy owners were thrilled to see the WR post numbers last week that they thought they were going to consistently get when they invested a high draft pick in the young Green Bay wideout. In the three games prior to last Sunday's 88 yard 1 TD performance, Jennings had just 147 receiving yards and 0 TDs combined. However his opponent this week will be an awful Tampa Bay defense that have allowed three WR's to eclipse 100 yards in a game and have also given up double digit fantasy points to seven receivers in seven games. Look for a big day from the Jennings Sunday.

TE- **Jeremy Shockey (Saints):** In the past three games Shockey has looked like the Pro-Bowl TE that he was back in New York. He has become more a part of the New Orleans offense and he and QB Drew Brees have clearly become more connected and have a better understanding of how each other play. Shockey has become must-start material in all leagues regardless of matchup.

Sit Em:

QB- **Ben Roethlisberger (Steelers):** The Pittsburgh QB has played phenomenally this season, but in Week 9 he will go up against a Broncos defense that ranks first in the league in total yards allowed and eighth against the pass. This Broncos defense has made Tom Brady, Tony Romo, Phillip Rivers, Carson Palmer, and Joe Flacco all have quiet games against them, so look for Big Ben to be less than stellar this week.

QB- **Matt Ryan (Falcons):** The Atlanta QB's nickname is "Matty Ice" and unfortunately for Falcons fans the second year QB has been ice cold the past three weeks (5 TDs to 7 INTs, two games under 200 yards passing, three games with a QB Rating under 70). Things won't get any easier for Ryan this week as he will face a Washington defense that ranks second in the league against the pass and has allowed just six passing TDs all season. Don't let Ryan anywhere near your starting lineup this week.

RB- **Kevin Smith (Lions):** Smith has a very good matchup this week against a questionable Seattle defense, but he isn't healthy right now as he nurses a bum shoulder and his status for Sunday's game is in doubt. Even if he ends up playing, he is not a reliable start as the RB many expected to break out this year has struggled all season long. He has had a tough schedule, but 3.1 YPC is putrid anyway you look at it, so find yourself a better option this week.

RB- **Steve Slaton (Texans):** I have been a Slaton hater all year long and it seems that Texans head coach Gary Kubiak has joined my side on the Slaton debate. The Texans third round pick from 2008 was stellar in his rookie season, but this year he has been pathetic on the ground, averaging just 3.1 YPC and has only 2 rushing TDs compared to 7 fumbles (5 lost). He seems to lack the burst that helped him be so successful a year ago and he has had numerous dreadful rushing games this year but was bailed out for fantasy purposes due to his good receiving numbers. Kubiak said that Houston will give all three backs carries this week, but it is unclear how they will be divided up and Slaton certainly isn't in his coach's good graces as of now.

WR- **Brandon Marshall (Broncos):** Marshall has had two sub-par efforts in a row and the prospects for his return to fantasy stardom this week seem slim with a staunch Steelers pass defense opposing him. QB Kyle Orton was under immense pressure last week from the Baltimore Ravens and he responded terribly with his worst outing of the year. Pittsburgh loves to blitz so look for Orton to be under duress once again as well as constant bracketed coverage on Marshall by the Steelers D.

WR- **Roy Williams (Cowboys):** Since Week 4, Williams has just

6 catches for 70 yards and 1 TD. OUCH! He is still technically listed as America's Team's No. 1 WR, but the truth of the matter is that he is the third option in the passing game at best, behind TE Jason Witten and up-and-coming WR Miles Austin. With a pretty tough matchup against a good Eagles defense that's coming fresh off a beat down of the New York Giants doesn't bode well for Williams either. Look for another quiet day for one of the most overpaid and overrated receivers in the game today.

TE- **Todd Heap (Ravens):** Heap got a ton of catches (seven) in his first meeting with the Bengals this year, but all those catches only amounted for 41 yards. Cincinnati's defense is so much better than what it has been in recent years and Heap is an overrated fantasy player anyway, so dump him if you can and find someone with a better matchup.

Add Em:

QB- **David Garrard (Jaguars) or Matt Cassel (Chiefs):** These two QB's will face each other this week and both will have solid matchups against bad pass defenses. Neither of them are stellar fantasy options, thus why both are available in many leagues, but if your QB has a bye week and you don't trust your backup then they are worth a look. Both of these guys should be able to post over 200 passing yards and 2 TDs against the dreadful pass defenses that will oppose them.

RB- **Jamal Charles (Chiefs):** With starting RB Larry Johnson suspended for this weeks game, Charles is expected to get the start and the majority of the carries against a Jaguars defense that has allowed over 128 rushing yards per game this season. Charles may have even greater value if Kansas City cuts the troubled Johnson and decides to move on without him, as Charles would slide into the starter's role for the rest of the season.

WR- **Steve Breaston (Cardinals):** Breaston isn't available in deeper leagues, but in about a third of fantasy leagues he can still be



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Redskins WR Santana Moss could put up huge totals this week against a weak Falcons secondary.

QB's this season (18). So feel comfortable rolling with the Seattle QB this week as a 300 yard, 3 TD day seems very much in reach.

RB- **Marion Barber (Cowboys):** Marion "The Barbarian" was running wild in the first two games of the year before a hamstring injury slowed him down. Barber looked nothing like his usual self and it was clear that he lacked the ability to cut strong off his bad leg and he lacked the necessary burst. Last week we saw a little more of the Barber of old as he pounded his way to 53 yards and a TD. The Eagles will oppose Barber this week, and while their run defense is solid, it isn't spectacular. The last time the Cowboys played in Philly they were destroyed 44-6 and turnovers killed Dallas. It would seem to be a situation where the Cowboys try to run the ball to control the pace of the game on the road in a hostile environment.

RB- **Brian Westbrook (Eagles):** Westbrook is expected to return to action this week against the Cowboys, a team that he has thrived against in recent years. The Dallas D has been much better of late, but Westbrook is such a weapon not only in the running game but in the passing game as well. When he's healthy he is a very difficult matchup and the Cowboys have struggled to find an answer for him, especially as a receiver. Look for 100 yards of total offense and a TD from Westbrook in his return to the Eagles lineup.

WR- **Santana Moss (Redskins):** Washington's top wideout has been very quiet this year, but he has a chance to explode against the Falcons this week. The Atlanta secondary is banged up and has allowed the second most passing yards per game along with 28 passing plays of 20+ yards, which means Moss has a good chance to



Courtesy of the Associated Press

Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger has already won two Super Bowls, but with a tough matchup on slate this week he should be on your bench in Fantasy.

had. With WR Anquan Boldin being limited the past few games due to an ankle injury, there is talk that he may sit out and try and completely heal up to better help the team during the stretch run for the playoffs. That would be a big boost for Breaston as he would move into a starting role on a pass heavy team. This week against the Bears isn't the best matchup, but it's not a terrifying one either and if Boldin's injury causes him to miss more than a week, Breaston could really be a factor the following week against the Seahawks.

Swim Team Dominates Double-Dual Meet

By **ERIN COX**
Staff Writer

The Men and Women's swim teams competed

in a double-dual meet against both Salisbury University and Gallaudet University on Saturday Oct. 31. Similar to the previous meet against Washington and Lee on Oct. 16, both teams swept the meet-taking first place in every event.

The Washington and Lee victory was the first time in the history of UMW's swimming program that the men won in this fashion. And following Saturday's sweep, both the men and women have a 3-1 record.

Saturday's top placers include Adriana Lesiuk, who placed first in both the 50 freestyle and the 200 freestyle with times of 25.20 and 2:03.44, respectively. And Nina Sawyer who was first in the 50 backstroke (29.18) and the 100 breaststroke (1:13.2). On the men's side, senior Jason McCormack placed first in both the 50 butterfly and the 100 butterfly with 24.74 and 56.14, respectively.

Senior Justin Anderson, who placed first in both the 200 IM (2:05.29) and the 200 freestyle relay (1:32.59), said that "training intensifies each season," and that without a taper at this time, the team is faster than ever before. Anderson also said that the upcoming double-dual meet against both York and Hood College on Nov. 6 will most likely be the "best competition of the year," and a great preview to what conferences will be like.

Sophomore Megan DeSmit said that the "good freshmen class" and the "strong senior leaders" are what will pull the team through the season. DeSmit placed first in the 50 breaststroke on Saturday with a time of 26.82.

Head Coach Matt Sellman, who is in his third

year coaching the men's and women's teams, was conveying high energy towards the team while speaking to them before a practice earlier this week. "...the double-dual meet makes it dangerous...they can surprise us" he warned when referencing the upcoming meet against York and Hood. "Just step up when behind the block and be ready to Rock 'n Roll" said Sellman, before reading off a long list of workouts for the day's practice.

Despite the team being "broken down from training," and swimming some off events on Saturday (events that the swimmers don't usually swim), the coach is ready to see what his team can do. "[I] just have to remind them they [York and Hood] can't beat us," Sellman said.

Like most of the campus, the swim team has been battling the flu and the suspected H1N1 virus. Within the past two weeks, the team has seen at least seven swimmers missing at any given practice or meet, Sellman said. When we had "eight people home last Saturday," that's "almost 1/4 of the team" he reiterated.


Coach Matt Sellman continued on to say that "swimmers are weird people" and that like the university, he is making sure to remind them to stay healthy and avoid contact with those who may be sick.

After the team competes this Friday, they go on to compete in the highly competitive University of Maryland Terrapin Invitational on Nov. 19-21.

Last Week's Results: 6-10 (Ouch...)

Overall Record: 62-57

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Sports

Mothers Stun 4th Ranked Radford

By NICK NELSON
Assistant Sports Editor

Saturday's
Halloween
matchup between
UMW's

Mother's Rugby and Radford University at the Battlegrounds brought treats for the home fans and left Radford searching for the exits after what must have seemed like a house of horrors as the Mothers won by a score of 15-5. Going into Saturday's game, Radford was the fourth-ranked team in the nation. The Mothers improved to 6-0, while Radford fell to 5-1 on the season.

Both players and fans alike were well aware of the implications of the Oct. 31 matchup, with a Facebook event consisting of more than 250 confirmed attendees and at least 200 more who listed the event as a maybe on their calendars.

A message sent by coach Tim Brown to members of the Facebook event stated that "As the coach, a former club president/player and an alum I want to thank everyone that attended...our awesome fans made it seem like we had an extra guy on the field and we could not have done it without all of you there. That is probably the first game Radford has lost in Virginia in five or six years. Many thanks!"

Many of the fans got into the spirit on the sideline as well, with cheers and applause ringing loud and pervasive, with a few attendees even festive

enough to attend in costume.

Junior flanker Harrison Lyman was awarded the "Man of the Match" jersey after exhibiting

half, with UMW scoring a try but missing the point after, and Radford only achieving a field goal. The score at the half stood at 5-3. Offense came to life in the second half for the Mothers however, with Lyman scoring the decisive try to finally put the match out of reach for the Radford squad.

The coach, in his match report to the team, stated how impressed he was in his team's victory.

"Today was old school rugby at its finest," Brown said, "and we won with our 'new school' game. It was muddy, there was a bigger school and highly-regarded team coming to town, and we knew we were

Despite the hard-fought win, Lyman was cognizant of areas that could use improvement.

"We [UMW and Radford] made equal mistakes, and that kept us evenly matched," Lyman said. "We made some sloppy passes early on."

Brown also noted that while he was appreciative of the enthusiasm of the Mary Washington fans, some may have taken their enthusiasm too far.

"When we are faced with a penalty on the field and the ref is telling me we have to remove fans dropping the 'f-bomb', we are not left much choice. We are the best school in Virginia and we have to act that way," Brown said in the Facebook message.

The next matchup for the Mothers will take place at the Ed Lee Cup, which serves as the state championship for the Virginia Rugby Union. The Mothers will be the top-ranked team in the four-team tournament, facing fourth-ranked JMU. The winner of this matchup will face the winner of the Radford-VMI game on Sunday.

The Mothers have reigned victorious three times overall in the tournament, and twice in the last four years, including standing as defending 2008 Division II champions.

"We had a very large and supportive crowd with families, alumni, students and rugby fans," junior lock Daniel Holcombe said, "and any way we can show the administration that people came out [for the match] is a big win for us."



Courtesy of Daniel Holcombe

The Mother's Rugby team stayed undefeated with their win over a highly touted Radford team and improved to 6-0 on the season.

stellar play on the rugby pitch, helping upset Radford in the close matchup and had plenty to say about his team's victory.

"We played great out there," Lyman said. "We had great rucking, we kept our possessions and made good contact all day."

The match had minimal scoring in the first

going to win.

"Radford came in a legit team," Brown continued, "they have been national champs twice in the last six years...and had not lost in Virginia since 2006, including teams from VA Tech and U.Va. Radford looked stunned as did many of their fans and parents. Mothers, 15, Radford 5."

Men's Soccer Knocks Off MU

By ANDREW KADA
Staff Writer

This past
Saturday,
the UMW men's
soccer team

hosted Marymount University for the first round of the Capital Athletic Conference Championship at the Battleground Athletic Complex.

UMW came out prepared to take down Marymount and advance to the next round of CAC play. The Eagle men finished victorious topping Marymount with a final score of 2-1 after a pair of nerve racking overtime periods.

As neither team scored in the first half, nerves and friction began to escalate. According to UMW men's soccer fan and sophomore Emily Horin the game was intense to watch.

"Between the aggressive play and the red card on Marymount's player along with the lack of goals, the game had me on the edge of my seat," Horin said.

Following Marymount's first goal, the trailing UMW men knew they had to come back and carry out moves they had already been making though lacked completion.

"Our strategy was to possess the ball and build through our center midfielders John Tarley and Jae Park, which we did pretty well at in the second half," said senior co-captain Emmett Rutkowski.

About 10 minutes later, the Eagle's were successful in tying up the game at one goal a piece.

“Our strategy was to possess the ball and build through our center midfielders.”

—Senior Emmett Rutkowski

UMW connected a corner kick from by sophomore John Tarley and headed in for a goal by freshman Duke Mensah-Abramphah.

For the next eight minutes of regulation play, both teams battled but the score was unchanged.

With regulation play over and overtime beginning, the UMW men were ready to shut down Marymount and leave nothing to chance.

"Our team had the momentum going into overtime as we had just scored and we were ready to win in - we did not want to go into a penalty

shootout as luck is involved more," said Rutkowski.

Ending the game in the second overtime, UMW was able to maneuver the ball from junior T.L. Tutor to Mensah-Abramphah off a counter attack. The final goal sent UMW fans into a roar and UMW teammates stormed the field in a frenzy.

"We should have beaten them earlier in the game, but they were playing very well and we could not finish, which sometimes happens. It was nice to finally put it together in the last minutes of the game," said Rutkowski.

Since Saturday, the UMW men's soccer team played York College in York, Pa in the CAC semifinals. The men fell to the nationally fifth-ranked York Spartans at a score of 4-1. The Eagle men complete their season with a record of 12-7-1.

UMW Scoreboard

Sports Scores From The Past Week

Men's Soccer: 1-2 (L 0-1 vs. Christopher Newport University, W 2-1 vs. Marymount University, L 1-4 vs. York College)

Women's Soccer: 2-0 (W 2-1 vs. St. Mary's College, W 0-0 vs. Salisbury University - advancing to next round of CAC Tournament on penalty kicks 2-0)

Men's and Women's Swimming: Both win dual meet vs. Salisbury University and Gallaudet University

Field Hockey: 1-1 (L 0-1 vs. Randolph-Macon College, W 2-1 vs. York College - Advance to the second round of the CAC Tournament)

Volleyball: 1-0 (W 3-0 vs. Wesley College)

Rowing: Varsity eight boat - third place finish in their event; Freshman eight boat - eighth place finish in their event; Collegiate four - sixteenth place finish in their event

Playoff Games On Slate This Week:

Women's Soccer: Third Round of the CAC Tournament on Saturday 11/7

Volleyball: CAC Tournament Conference Semifinals at UMW tonight at 7 p.m.

Women's Soccer Advances

By TRICIA ELLIOTT
Staff Writer

Running footsteps
splashed water and mud
on Sunday as the UMW

Eagles Women's Soccer Team beat St. Mary's College 2-1 in the first round of the Capital Athletic Conference playoffs.

The Eagles started the match slowly, being outscored by the Seahawks 6-2, but after a goal by St. Mary's at 35:54, they picked up the pace and never slowed down. Mary Washington outshot the Seahawks 7-3, which included the tying score by junior Sarah Tryon on an assist from sophomore Amy Olson at 82:83. Overall, the Eagles led shots attempted by 11 to 9 and had five corner kicks to the Seahawk's six.

Coach Corey Hewson said this has been a "season of two halves" for the Lady Eagles. Where the first half seemed to be the time to "warm-up" before the girls would "get into a rhythm." And while most of the girls would wish that it could be a "tale of one game," a win is a win and that is all that truly matters. After all, what is a playoff game without at least one overtime period?

Senior Alison DiPippa would bring the match to a close with her goal on an assist from sophomore Becky Clark when only 3:49 had passed in the overtime period. When asked about how the team managed to stay focused in the extra time after an already grueling match, Clark said, "You're always dead by overtime, so it's all heart from there."

The Eagles certainly brought plenty of heart to the game despite the messy conditions. It had rained all day on Saturday and the field was wet and muddy when they took the field on Sunday. Such conditions definitely had an effect on the play style.

Sophomore goalkeeper Tina Behm said that in order to account for the murky conditions as the last defender, she had to "focus on getting [her] body behind the ball so

that it will keep the ball from getting through. I also had to be aware of the potential skips the ball may take."

Brehm definitely kept all such reminders at the forefront of her mind; she ended the game with four saves, including blocking a spectacular one-on-one, point blank shot with 10 seconds left in the second half that would have won the game for the Seahawks if she had not spoiled it.

Mary Washington finished the Regular season 12-4-3 and with the win on Sunday continued on to the second



Courtesy of Tricia Elliott

Sophomore forward Becky Clark races for the ball against a St. Mary's player in the Eagles' 2-1 win over the Seahawks.

round of the tournament to face Salisbury University.

When asked how the team would be prepared for the next match, Coach Hewson said, "We will focus not so much on them, as much as on ourselves. We are getting a few players back from illness and we just want to be mentally tough and ready for the next game."